

Opening Remarks by Marjorie Shapiro

I would like to welcome all of you to this memorial for Owen Chamberlain. I am pleased to see so many of Owen's friends and colleagues here. I would especially like to acknowledge and welcome Owen's family:

- _ His wife Senta
- _ Three of his children: Karen, Darol & his son Rafael, and Pia & her partner, Ruth.
- _ His nieces and nephew: Margit & her husband John, with sons Ben and Alex ; Bettine & her husband Peter and their son Henry; and Norman
- _ His stepchildren: David and Anne
- _ His cousins Elizabeth, Sarah and Jane

I know how pleased Owen would have been to have so many of the people he loved and cared about at this event.

Owen was an extraordinary person. He of course was a brilliant physicist who made many major scientific contributions. But he was also an outstanding human being who cared about people both at the macro level (through his record of public service) and at the micro level (through his interactions with his students and collaborators). Today, when we share our memories of Owen, we will hear about all these aspects of his life:

- _ His Early Days
- _ His Contributions to Physics and Teaching
- _ His Commitment to Social Causes
- _ His Family

I first met Owen in 1977, when I was a graduate student at LBL working on the TPC project. When I decided to do my PhD work with Dave Nygren, an LBL senior scientist, I asked Owen to be my faculty mentor. Owen always made time to listen to me, to answer my questions and, even more important, to use the Socratic method to help me answer my own questions. I will always remember Owen for his openness and his egalitarian nature. He treated everyone, independent of position and rank with respect. His attitude made all of us better scientists and better people.